

IN CENTRAL AUSTRALIA

A lecture illustrated by moving pictures and entitled "Incidents in a Central Australian Trip" was given by Mr. Chris. Bailey, introductory remarks being made by Mr. A. S. Kenyon, M.I.E. Aust. A great deal of information on the natural history, etc. of the region was given by the lecturer. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Chas. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Geo. Coghill and supported by Mr. A. H. E. Mattingley. It was carried with acclamation.

EXHIBITS

Miss E. K. Turner.—Beetles from Japan.

Mr. G. C. Wade.—Collection of beetles, mainly taken during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. J. A. Kershaw.—Specimens of the Swift or Ghost Moths (*Trietena argentata*, Herr. Sch.), males, females and pupa. These moths are now emerging in numbers.

Mr. F. Pitcher.—Blossoms and foliage of the Firewheel Tree of Queensland (*Stenocarpus sinuatus*), grown by exhibitor at South Yarra; also seedling plants of Lillypilly (*Eugenia smithii*).

Mr. H. P. McColl.—*Stenocarpus sinuatus*.

Mr. C. J. Gabriel.—Victorian mollusca with egg capsules; *Cymatium spengleri*, Chem. and *Fusciolaria australis*, Perry; both from Western Port.

Mr. A. H. E. Mattingley.—Aboriginal pitchu, from Jervois Range, Central Australia.

Mr. F. H. Salau.—*Pterostylis truncata*, pot-grown, collected at Beaumaris, June, 1933: a new locality record for Victoria.

Mr. V. H. Miller.—Broken-hafted axe, from Coimadai.

SOME ORCHID NOTES AND RECORDS

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Pterostylis lobata Hk.f. (*Flora of New Zealand*, Hooker, p. 249; also Cheeseman's *Manual of New Zealand Flora*, p. 68; and *The Flora of Tasmania*, Hk., Vol. I, pl. CXIV (under *Pt. pedunculata* R.Br.).—Synonym *Pt. gracilis* Nicholls (*Vic. Nat.*, Vol. XLIII, Mar., 1927, p. 324). This *Pterostylis* is variable to a marked degree, specimens ranging in height from 5 cm. to 30 cm. have been collected.

Cleisostoma tridentatum Ldl.—Fine specimens of the well-known "Tangle" Orchid of Queensland and New South Wales were collected by Dr. C. S. Sutton and the late Gustav Weindorfer, on Young's Creek, near Orbost, about 20 years ago.

Thelymitra epipactoides F.V.M.—This fine Sun-orchid is fairly plentiful at Pomonal (Miss L. Banfield and Rev. C. L. Lang). Formerly it was abundant near Sandringham, etc. Seven plants were noted by the writer near Black Rock in September, 1933.

Prasophyllum Archeri Hk.f.—This species was collected at Moreton Bay, Queensland, by Dr. C. P. Ledward; not previously recorded from that State. His specimens reached a height of 9 inches, and bore greenish-yellow flowers with reddish markings.